



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

August 2017



Father Rob's Reflections August 2017

Dear Parish Family,

As you know, August 4th is quickly coming upon us. This literally is the date of our first communion here in Swanton 150 years ago. Now understand that our presence as Episcopalians here in Swanton dates back to 1825 as Christ Church, but because of 'removals' did not last. We were thus reorganized as Holy Trinity in 1867. Wow! Actually 192 years of presence. Well, we're making a big deal out of it for sure. But why? Why go to the trouble to celebrate with the Bishop at 5:30 pm on August 4th? Well, in part it has to do with who we are as worshipping Episcopalians. Each year we follow a common liturgical schedule of seasons. It begins in Advent and continues thru the Season after Pentecost, both coinciding, on purpose, with the seasons of the year. But its key purpose for us believers is to have us get "caught up" and re-live our history each year so that in the midst of a sometimes chaotic life there is an inner spiritual clock ticking that serves to remind us of our past, our present, and our future as Christians. It is, as I have stated before, the Hebrew, not the Greek notion, of remembering. To literally, with emotion and in spirit, and in this case physically, re-live the message of the Gospel. As worshippers in the Episcopal Church we share this yearly cycle with Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists and many others. We do so because over 2,000 years we've discovered that it works. And so this is one reason we are making a big deal out of the 150 years of history. It's in our Episcopal DNA to want to recall. To remember as the Hebrews did in oral tradition those who came before us and how that history still lives on--or informs, our present, and future. It's critical to remember. And so we have had 4 events

leading up to this grand date on AUGUST 4th. And it culminates that day. Former Rectors and parishioners are being remembered. Ministries are being recalled. And the past resurfacing and relearned as we head into an ever bright and growing future. This event then in 100 years, on our 250th, will be the fodder of our great, great, great grandchildren, who like us, will hold this history with a certain reverence and awe of the things past that have shaped the future they now live. Come and join us and bring some friends.

In Christ's love,
Father Rob+



Dates to Remember

July 31, Mon--10 am to 12---Mandatory Acolyte Training at Church with lunch to follow

Aug 2, Wed – VESTRY, 5-7 pm (note time!)

August 4, Fri - noon-1 pm, lunch with Bishop Tom, Bishop here and available all day if scheduled
5:30 service, 150th ANNIVERSARY and reception to follow

August 7-11, Mon-Fri—Cooking Camp in the Parish Hall

Aug 8, Tues – 2 pm Eucharist at Homestead

August 13, Sun -10 a.m. Camp Song Sunday

Week of August 21st—Father Rob out of state

August 28, Mon--10 a.m. Wardens' Meeting

150th Celebration for Holy Trinity Friday, August 4th

Bishop here & available all day if
scheduled

Noon – 1 pm Lunch with Bishop Tom

5:30 pm Service

Come celebrate our many traditions together
with your church family and the greater
community as we join in a service to mark
150 years here at Holy Trinity Church

Reception to follow



Food Shelf

Food shelf needs are canned pasta, tuna fish,
peanut butter and soup. Please put the items in
the treasure chest in the Narthex. Thank you.



Citizens Band

Aug 2, Wed - 7 pm, Swanton Village Green
(HT rain site)

July 17, 2017

Father Rob,

Thank you for this wonderful
opportunity to work with you and the whole
Holy Trinity family. You are all wonderful
people. I have really enjoyed my time
working here. The decision I made was a
difficult one for me. Hopefully it is the correct
one.

If, at any time, you have questions,
please call me. You have my number. If you
need service, call. If I can do it, I will.
Besides, my numbers are already in your
system.

Once again, thank you for everything.
You, especially, I enjoyed working with.
Please give Casey my best. I am sorry I
missed her. I especially love her candid
sense of humor and loved working with her
as well.

Keep smiling and don't forget to laugh
at the small stuff.

Eric Watts
Facilities Manager



***Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday Aug 2, 7 pm
at Martha's Kitchen, Main St., St. Albans***





Cooking Camp

Camp will run August 7th-11th. "Survival in the Wilderness" is the theme. Camp will take place in the Parish Hall. Stop in and witness the fun!



HOLY HIKES SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 28, 10:00 am – noon
Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am - noon

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 am -noon

Dates subject to revision. Locations to be announced. If interested, please contact revkimhardy@gmail.com and ask to receive up-to-date details.



6th Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Ely cordially invites members and friends of the Episcopal Church in Vermont to participate in the Sixth Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament. The event, which benefits the Alleluiafund.

What: The Sixth Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament

When: September 9, 2017

Where: The Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes

The Book Of Awakening:

How Does It Taste?

By Mark Nepo

*The more spacious and larger our
fundamental nature,
the more bearable the pains in living.*
— Wayne Muller

An aging Hindu master grew tired of his apprentice complaining, and so, one morning, sent him for some salt. When the apprentice returned, the master instructed the unhappy young man to put a handful of salt in a glass of water, and then to drink it.

"How does it taste?" the master asked.

"Bitter," spit the apprentice.

The master chuckled and then asked the young man to take the same handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake, and once the apprentice swirled his handful of salt in the water, the old man said, "Now drink from the lake."

As the water dripped down the young man's chin, the master asked, "How does it taste?"

"Fresh," remarked the apprentice.

"Do you taste the salt?" asked the master.

Upcoming Dates

September 5th---2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist, St. Albans

September 6th---6:30 p.m. VESTRY

September 9th—Alleluia Open Golf Tournament—Vergennes

September 10th ---MINISTRY FAIR AT HT—Choir returns

September 11th—Fr Rob's 61st birthday

September 13th—4:40 p.m. Food Shelf Board Meeting—Holy Trinity

September 22nd—Native American Day—

September 23rd---10 to 3---Disaster Preparedness training for Diocese, St. Paul's, White River Junction

September 25th—10 a.m. Warden's Meeting

October 3rd---2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist, St. Albans

October 4th---6:30 p.m. VESTRY

October 10th—Clergy Day, 10 to 3--Dismantling Racism

October 23rd—Warden's Meeting 10 a.m.

November 1st—**All Saints Day**

November 1---6:30 p.m. VESTRY

November 3-4th—Diocesan Convention—Ludlow Vermont

November 5th—Daylight savings ends/All Saints Sunday

November 14th—Homestead Eucharist 2 p.m. St. Albans

November 23rd—Thanksgiving Day

November 27th—10 a.m. Wardens' Meeting

December 5th—2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist, St. Albans

December 6th---6:30 p.m. VESTRY

December 12th---25th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood

December 24th—**Sunday Christmas Eve**

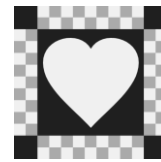
December 25th—Monday

December 31st—Lessons and Carols—9am



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Lou Anne Wood
- 14 Madison Dittmar
- 15 Laura Wood
- 20 Adilynn Patterson
- 25 Ethan Garrison
- 31 John Fournier



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Sandy & Dick Hersey
- 10 Paul Leduc & Thomas Brusco
- 12 Mary & David Wood
- 13 Wally & Kathleen Good
- 28 Suzy & Hugh Kenyon
Shelley & Shawn Robtoy



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